

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF PENNY GAGE

HON. PAUL A. GOSAR

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Penny Gage for her dedication and commitment to the Dental Industry. Ms. Gage has served as a Tri-County Dental Society executive director for over 30 years. During this time membership expanded from 700 to 2000 members. She was a strong promoter in building a relationship between the society and the dental students within the two dental schools in the program's area. Ms. Gage has been active in participating with the American Association of Dental Editors and Journalist organization in providing ideas and proof-reading the AADEJ's newsletters. She has also served with the American Dental Association.

During her time with the Tri-County Dental Society she developed the "Give Kids a Smile" program as well as encouraged members to help provide free dental clinics. That program has led to another exceptional program, "Give Adults a Smile", which she also supports. Ms. Gage has developed a network of relationships throughout dentistry and has been essential to its promotion and progress in these areas. Actions such as hers have helped to make more smiles possible.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I recognize Ms. Penny Gage for her long time service to the Tri-County Dental Society and oral health promotion as a whole. Her achievements in expanding membership and programming helped to improve the lives of many and help everyone to smile more.

HONORING THE LEGACY OF
LAURA W. MURPHY

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of the most prominent and important civil liberties and civil rights advocates of our time—my friend, Laura W. Murphy. Laura is the longest serving director of the Washington Legislative Office of the American Civil Liberties Union, and will be stepping down at the end of the month. It is my pleasure to honor her public service and to wish her well in her next chapter. Most recently, Laura was instrumental in advising Attorney General Eric Holder and the United States Sentencing Commission on ways to reduce overcrowding among federal prison populations. She worked closely with Attorney General Holder and leaders of the House and Senate in passing the Fair Sentencing Act of 2010, a law that reduced the sentencing disparity between crack and powder cocaine, which ignited a movement to finally begin to end racial disparities in

our criminal justice system. Among Laura's other profound legislative accomplishments was working closely with Congress and the White House to build support for essential and federally funded reproductive health services for servicemembers and their dependents in cases of rape and incest. This was among the few abortion rights victories of the last 40 years.

Laura has been a leading voice in Washington, D.C. and throughout the country for freedom of speech, including her office's tireless efforts to preserve the First Amendment in the face of calls for a constitutional amendment that would lead to laws against so-called flag desecration, that would restrict internet free speech, and that would censor lyrics in rap and other music genres. She has been a tenacious advocate for checks and balances to prevent abuses by Intelligence agencies and finally rolling back the significant overreach of the USA Patriot Act. Her work on LGBT rights, mass incarceration and racial profiling, comprehensive immigration reform, privacy, reproductive rights, and voting rights has been peerless.

Laura is a familiar face in Congress, and among the few people who can call both Representative MAXINE WATERS and Senator MITCH MCCONNELL friends, an advocate who has shown the nation how to achieve bipartisan success in these hyper-partisan times. She has testified more than a dozen times before the House and Senate and is a frequent contributor to national dialogue on critical legislative issues. One of the ACLU's most prominent spokespersons, Laura is also an author, including book chapters on homeland security and the African American community's response to the 9/11 attacks. Repeatedly named among the most influential advocates in Washington, D.C. and frequently cited by the Washington Post, Laura has been an important voice for more than four decades, advising U.S. Presidents from Ronald Reagan to Barack Obama.

We in Congress are losing not only a tireless advocate for civil liberties and civil rights, we are losing a dear friend, respected and admired by all who know her. I am hopeful that she will remain close at hand and active in the fight for basic American values. Those closest to her know that fighting for justice is in Laura's DNA—she is a direct descendant of one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Philip Livingston.

I urge you to join me in wishing Laura Murphy all the best, to congratulate her as she faces new adventures, and to thank her for her many years of service.

HONORING ST. JOSEPH'S MEDICAL
CENTER FAMILY MEDICINE RESI-
DENCY PROGRAM

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 30, 2015

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, great healthcare organizations are a tremendous asset to any community. St. Joseph's Medical Center's Family Residency Program has undoubtedly been one of those fantastic assets in Westchester, helping train and ready the family physicians of tomorrow now for over 4 decades.

Established in 1974, the medical center was the first Residency Program of its kind in the entire Westchester County. Beginning with one resident in the mid-1970's, the program has grown over the years to now have 30 residents, with an annual graduating class of 10.

The program's residents learn to treat the whole patient, become aware of family dynamics, and emphasize prevention and education in the practice of medicine. Although the residency program started at a time when primary care had been outpaced by specialization, it has become increasingly more important as our nation's healthcare system and the public recognize the value of prevention and patient centered care.

All told, the Family Medicine Residency program has graduated 312 family physicians over the course of its 40 year existence. Many of those graduating physicians have chosen to stay in Westchester, and have developed into some of the finest physicians in the entire country. Others have gone on to complete fellowships and teach at major medical centers and university hospitals.

The St. Joseph's community is proud to have such a distinguished residency program that has produced so many outstanding family physicians. As the elected representative of St. Joseph's in Congress, I am equally proud to say that I have one of the premiere residency programs in the world housed within my district.

In recognition of the program's many contributions to Saint Joseph's, the Medical Center presented the Family Medicine Residency Program with the 2014 Outstanding Service Award. It was a well deserved honor and I want to congratulate all of the talented and dedicated men and women who have made the program such a tremendous success.

STRENGTHENING CHILD WELFARE
RESPONSE TO TRAFFICKING ACT
OF 2015

SPEECH OF

HON. JODY B. HICE

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, January 26, 2015

Mr. JODY B. HICE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 469, the

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